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- ☒ Copy of prior application as filed including executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney and drawings
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statment with Form PTO 1449
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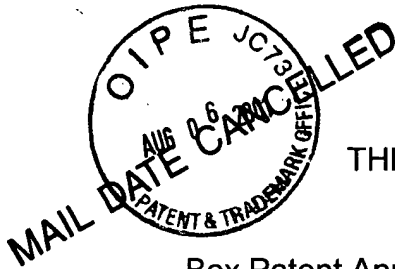
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SIR: This is a request for filing a

☐ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-Part ☒ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R.  
§ 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/457,228 filed December 8, 1999  
of Gary K. Michelson, M.D. for SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE CONFIGURATION

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 09/457,228 as originally filed on December 8, 1999.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.
3. ☒ Cancel Claims 57-130 and 146-202.
4. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5. ☒ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 and 4 above.

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$710	\$ 710.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	71	-	20	51	x \$18	918.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	0	x \$80	0.00
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18. ■ Also enclosed is Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) with Form PTO-1449

PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, serial no. 09/457,228, filed December 8, 1999, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No.50-1066. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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